

fusing to hear any explanation. "I have suppressed your address/" he began abruptly : " it was incendiary. I called you round me to do good — you have done ill. Eleven-twelfths of you are well-intentioned, the others, and above all M. Laine, are factious intriguers, devoted to England, to all my enemies, and corresponding through the channel of the advocate Deseze with the Bourbons. Return to your Departments, and feel that my eye will follow you; you have endeavored to humble me, you may kill me, but you shall not dishonor me. You make remonstrances; is this a time, when the stranger invades our provinces, and 200,000 Cossacks are ready to overflow our country ? There may have been petty abuses ; I never connived at them. You, M. Eaynouard, you said that Prince Mass6na robbed a man at Marseilles of his house. You lie! The General took possession of a vacant house, and my Minister shall indemnify the proprietor. Is it thus that you dare affront a Marshal of France who has bled for his country, and grown gray in victory ? Why did you not make your complaints in private to me ? I would have done you justice. We should wash our dirty linen at home, and not drag it out before the world. You call yourselves Representatives of the Nation. It is not true; you are only Deputies of the Departments; a small portion of the State, inferior to the Senate, inferior even to the Council of State. The Eepresentatives of the People! I am alone the Representative of the People. Twice have 24,000,000 of French called me to the throne: which of you durst undertake such a burden ? It had already overwhelmed (*Scrase*) your Assemblies, and your Conventions, your Vergniauds and your Guadets, your Jacobins and your Girondins. They are all dead! What, who are *you* ? nothing — all authority is in the Throne; and what is the Throne ? this wooden frame covered with velvet ? — no> I am the Throne ! You have added wrong to reproaches. You have talked of concessions — concessions that even my enemies dared not ask ! I suppose if they asked Champaigne you would have had me give them La Brie besides; but in four months I will conquer peace, or I shall be dead. You advise ! how dare you debate of such high matters (*de si*